

KING LEOPOLD HONORS  
A STEAMSHIP CAPTAIN

Ruler of Belgium Presents Medal  
to Brave Ocean Navigator.

MADE THE OFFICER A KNIGHT.

Commander Apfeld Aided in Rescuing  
Passengers of Sinking  
Vessel at the Risk  
of His Life.

Philadelphia, Sept. 27.—In recognition of his bravery on the occasion of the sinking of the steamship Waseana off Holyhead on March 6 last, Captain G. C. Apfeld of the International Navigation Company's steamship Noordland, has been made a knight of the Order of Leopold by King Leopold of Belgium. The Noordland has arrived in this city.

Captain Apfeld is a man of sterling qualities, and not the least of his virtues is his extreme modesty. He was pitted with all sorts of questions, but refused to relate his exploits at the time the Waseana sank. The handsome medal which was conferred upon him is a gold medal, and is the highest honor of the King's personal esteem, and he never allows it to leave his sight for a second. The medal, which is exquisitely designed, is the decoration of the Knight of the Order of Leopold, the highest rank of honor in all Belgium.

LAST TO LEAVE HIS SHIP.  
The scenes of wild disorder related in the news dispatches at the time the Waseana was run down by the steamer Harmonides are still fresh in the public mind. Captain



CAPTAIN G. C. APFELD  
and sketch of his medal.

Apfeld, then in command of the ill-fated steamer, performed yeoman service in rescuing imperiled passengers and quelling the fears of those who had been saved. At the risk of his own life the brave Captain mingled with his sailors and personally aided in rescuing many of the terror-stricken passengers. It was not until he was assured that all hands had left the sinking ship that Captain Apfeld relinquished his position on the bridge. The plucky skipper had barely entered his yawl when the Waseana slowly sank from view. The true story of Captain Apfeld's bravery was never fully told. Happy in the consciousness of having done his duty, the commander of the Waseana made a brief report to the International Navigation Company, characteristically laconic, and then modestly refused to dilate upon his thrilling adventure. Even upon his arrival in Antwerp, where he has an army of friends, he maintained a reticence which exasperated the curious ones.

There were, however, many witnesses to the skipper's heroism both among the crew and passengers, and a partial account of his noble action was soon spread broadcast.

Ultimately the matter came to the ears of King Leopold. The ruler of the Belgians became intensely interested in what more definite information he obtained. He finally appointed a representative to gather all the details possible. A number of persons formed his duty in such an exhaustive manner that King Leopold was soon in possession of all the facts dealing with Captain Apfeld's bravery.

He lost no time in deciding upon the reward for the gallant seaman. A number of friends of the latter suggested a form of reward which did not meet with the approval of the King.

"No," the King is reported as having said, "such a man deserves something better. He shall have the decoration of the Knight of the Order of Leopold."

Captain Apfeld learned of the King's intentions upon his arrival at Liverpool on the last voyage from this port. He was ordered to report to the Governor at Antwerp and did so without delay. King Leopold greeted Captain Apfeld in the Governor's palace and with royal good wishes fastened the insignia upon the brave skipper's breast. The medal is of heavy gold, with a French inscription upon one side, and on the reverse the words: "Knight of the Order of Leopold."

The Noordland had an unusually pleasant voyage which was not characterized by any special incident. She had aboard 130 cabin and 350 steerage passengers.

BOY IS FOUND AFTER  
THREE YEARS' SEARCH.

Pittsburg Youth and His Companion  
Have Been Wandering Through  
the Country.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pittsburg, Sept. 27.—Justice G. W. Jiles of Homestead has returned from Tyrone with James Hassenpflug, alias James McManigal, and Eddie Best, alias Arthur McManigal. The latter is the boy who disappeared from his home in Homestead nearly three years ago. Hassenpflug is his alleged abductor. They were arrested at Tyrone by Railroad Detective A. R. Barr and Officer Swartzell of Altoona.

The boy disappeared in January, 1900, and the same day Hassenpflug disappeared, and it was generally believed he had taken the boy, then but 11 years old. Every means were exhausted by the boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Best, but no trace could be found of either of the missing ones. Hassenpflug's mother lives now at Reedsville, Adams County, and it was largely through her that the pair were located. It was learned that they were working at Altoona and Officer Swartzell, who knew Hassenpflug, was detailed to watch him. He left for Tyrone and was arrested there as he stepped from the train.

Both prisoners told a story of wandering over the country ever since they left Homestead. Hassenpflug's story is very indefinite as to where they have been, but the boy, who is unusually bright, says they have been in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and all over the West.

I left home on my own account because I was abused, the boy said. "I have traveled as brothers, and I was not taken away against my will. We have always paid our way and have not been tramping, and I have never wanted to go back home. The nearest we have ever been was Johnstown."

The boy came with me on his own account," said Hassenpflug. "That morning I was at the railroad station at Homestead and was talking about taking a trip, exhibiting a stereograph. The boy asked to go with me. I told him to see his mother, and he came back and said it was all right in talking in tickets at the door for my magic lantern show."

Two minutes later Hassenpflug said that he never gave any magic lantern show for the reason that he did not get a lantern. Justice Jiles, now that the two have been apprehended after the long search, is puzzled what disposition to make of them.

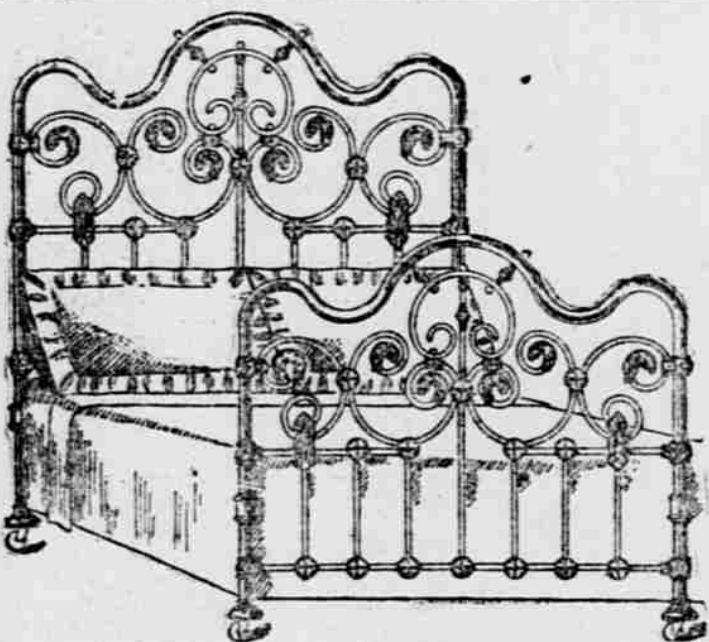
The boy has told so many stories that I do not know what to make of him. If he insists that he was not abducted, the best thing to do would be to let him go. He is a reform school. Hassenpflug has quite a record. When a boy living in Moffitt County, the people to whom his father intrusted him became tired of him, put him in a box car with some bread and water and sent him to Chicago. He has been tramping ever since. The two have evidently been tramping but insist that they have been working at the places they have visited and that there was no abduction.

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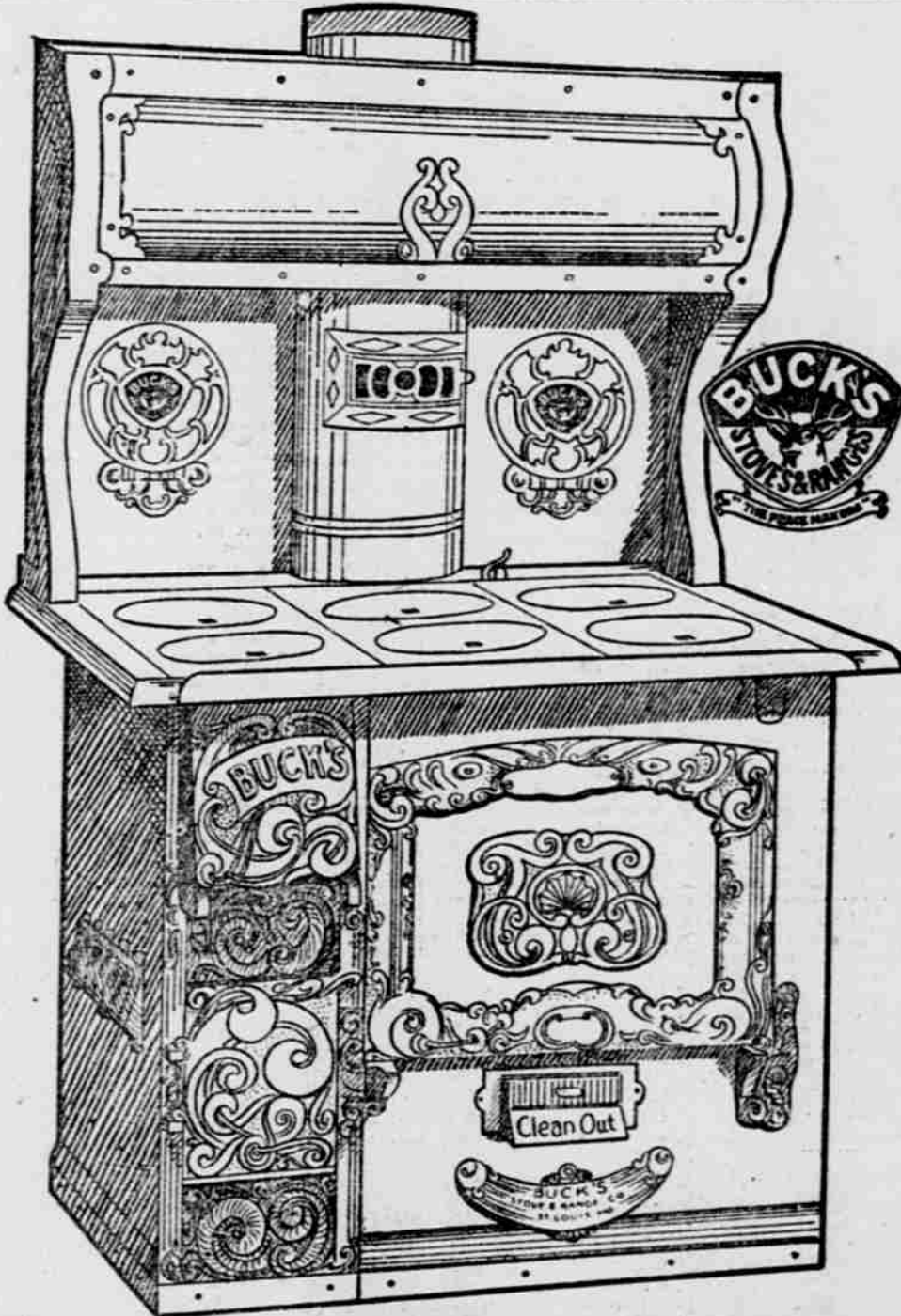
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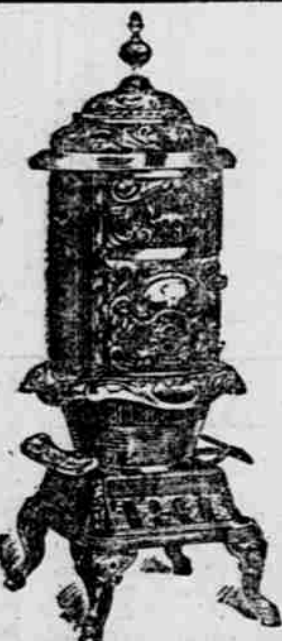
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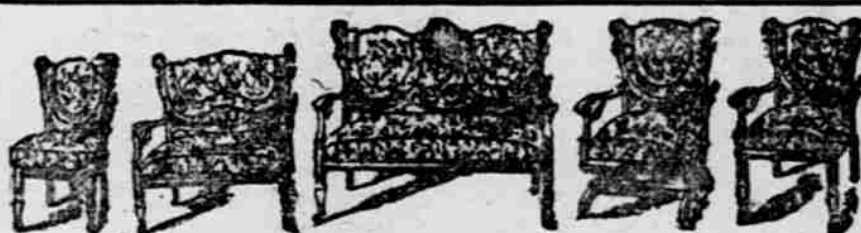
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The regular price was \$27.00. We are offering it during this sale for \$18.75. It is tastefully designed, well made and will give years of service. It has three drawers, two cupboards, top shelf, and two side shelves. The carvings are pretty and refined and are the new style of ornamentation. It is fitted with handsome brass escutcheons and drawer pulls. \$2.00 secures its delivery, pay the balance weekly or monthly to suit your convenience.



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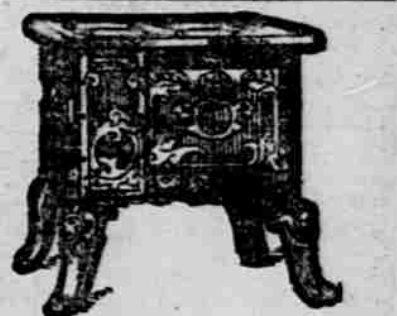
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RUSSIAN COUNT IS NOW  
PLAIN MINER AT BUTTE.

Although of High Rank in Czar's  
Army, He Works as a Laborer  
to Regain Fortune.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Butte, Sept. 27.—A member of a noble Russian family, a military Governor of a city on the Amur River in Siberia, a mine owner in Alaska and a laborer in one of the mines in Butte is, in brief, the strange history of Count Valdemar de Bassoff. Count, or rather, "Mr." Bassoff, as he prefers to be called, has had many adventures in the past six years. He is highly educated, speaks German, French, Italian and

other languages, and he is rapidly perfecting himself in English. He has papers which, it is said, prove beyond doubt that he is a Russian count.

According to his story, as related by friends, he was not obliged to leave Russia owing to any act of the Government, but went of his own free will. It is his intention to return to his native country in about six months.

Brought up in the midst of wealth, the Count was able to obtain a splendid education in the best Russian universities. By reason of his rank he easily obtained a high place in the Russian Army. His brother is the Governor of the Russian fort at Odessa, a large Russian port on the Black Sea, while his other brothers hold responsible positions in the army. The Count's brother, who is at present stationed at Odessa, was formerly an Adjutant to Czar Nicholas before the latter ascended the Russian throne.

In his army life Count Bassoff had occasion to visit all the countries of Europe and Asia. At the death of his father he received a large legacy. In his opinion it was not sufficient to permit of him living in Russia in the style befitting one of his rank. He accordingly disposed of his estate in Russia and went to Alaska, where he invested heavily in mines.

During his residence in Alaska the Count took time to attend the Paris Exposition and visit Russia. Finally running out of funds he came to the United States in the hope of being able to secure capital with which to continue his mining operations. Bassoff is exceedingly retiring in disposition, and instead of asking for financial aid, has started to work to make some money for himself and to learn the ways of the country. Realizing that to go to work in Russia would mean social degradation, he has preferred to obtain employment in one of the Butte mines.

Bassoff is a strong believer in republics, and says that Russia will some day become a republic.

"I am aware," said he, "that I would have come into the country in a very different manner, and perhaps would have been welcomed into high society, but such a plan was not desirable to me. In my opinion, a working man is just as good as any one else. I may go back to Russia within the next year and endeavor to interest capitalists in my Alaskan mines, or I may decide to take up my residence on my mother's estate there."

In appearance Count Bassoff is a typical Russian, being more than six feet tall and proportionately built. During the time he has worked in the mines in Butte he has not told to any of his fellow-workmen what his rank is, and there is not a man who has worked with him since his arrival in Montana who has ever been aware of the fact that he has been wearing a pick side by side with a Russian nobleman.

Pilgrims Visit Graveyards.

Green Bay, Wis., Sept. 27.—The annual pilgrimage of the Historical Society of this city was attended by 100 persons. They went to Little Sturgeon, twelve miles from this city, for the purpose of opening one of the Indian mounds. Here was once an Indian village with its graveyard.

DISCOURAGED MEN FIND OIL.

California Prospectors Get a Large Flow at Casimiala.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Santa Barbara, Cal., Sept. 27.—George Crocker, Fred W. Harkness and several San Francisco capitalists have made a rich strike near Casimiala, in the northern section of this county. Several weeks ago the company, which is organized as the Graciosa Oil Company, began sinking experimental wells for oil about two miles from the productive Western Union wells on the Casimiala ranch. The territory gave excellent surface indications and several wells were sunk. The company expended over \$50,000 in drilling work, with no signs of oil. The operators had about concluded to abandon further operations, when, at a depth of nearly 2,000 feet, they struck rich vein, which Harkness reported was flowing at the rate of about 350 barrels a day. Work on the other wells which are being worked will be rushed as rapidly as possible.

About two years ago the Western Union Oil Company discovered the only wells in the northern section of the county, and they have proved very productive. The success of the Graciosa company gives evidence that this great vein extends a distance of at least two miles, and that it is fully a mile in width.

The market for the product of the wells in the new district is believed to be practically unlimited, owing to the great demand for fuel purposes, and there is a movement to establish a supply station at Port Harford, only a few miles away, from which coastwise and transpacific steamships may receive oil.